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57/338. Condemnation of the attack on United Nations personnel and premises in Baghdad

The General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing the selfless commitment of the United Nations staff members who serve the ideals of the United Nations around the world,

1. *Strongly condemns* the atrocious and deliberate attack on the United Nations Office in Baghdad on 19 August 2003, which killed fifteen United Nations staff members, the largest number ever in one incident, and seven others, and wounded more than one hundred persons;

2. *Pays special tribute* to Sergio Vieira de Mello, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Iraq, and his colleagues who perished in this senseless tragedy;

3. *Expresses its condolences* to all the families and loved ones of those who lost their lives;

4. *Urgently calls* for international cooperation to find and bring to justice the perpetrators, organizers and sponsors of this vicious act;

5. *Calls* for intensified international cooperation to prevent and eradicate such acts of terrorism and to hold accountable all those who participate in such acts;

6. *Reaffirms* the determination of the United Nations to assist the Iraqi people to build peace and justice in their country and to determine their own political future by themselves, and welcomes in this regard the determination of the Organization to continue its operation in Iraq to fulfil its mandate in the service of the Iraqi people and not to be intimidated by such attacks.

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